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From: Deane Osterman
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2013 11:50:35 AM
To: Opalski, Dan
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Dan,

I am writing to follow up on our phone call last week in which we discussed Ecology's response to the Region's decision that it is not going to be able to approve the Pend Oreille Temperature TMDL in its current form. One issue that the State and EPA appear to be wrestling with is the significance of the relatively few number of water quality violations at the Idaho-Washington border. Although I emphasized the need to correct these violations in their own right, I neglected to explain how the heat load responsible for these violations contributes to numerous downstream violations of Kalispel water quality standards.

The attached memo, which we have previously shared with HQ and the Region, shows that the heat load from Idaho is higher under existing than natural conditions on most days when there are on-Reservation violations, and that this unnatural warming is most pronounced during the critical late-summer/early fall season. (Table 3, highlighted rows = existing temp > natural temp). By failing to account for this interstate heat load, Ecology's TMDL allows expanded degradation above that which is already contributing

to Kalispel water quality violations. This is unacceptable to the Tribe considering, among other things, that the existing weekly average increase already coming from Idaho at the end of August is 0.58°C.

Hope you find this information helpful.

Regards,

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